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Trip Report
Detachment H 1/11/62

Morale of the entire unit seems to be quite good and mutual cooperation seems excellent. The "set-up" rate is satisfactory. Bob is satisfied with all of his people except one man. In this case he feels that the man is not only weak technically but has other undesirable characteristics. Will be discussed with Stan.

The Security situation seems satisfactory and accepted by the personnel. Bob has one complaint that the military still come out carrying their uniforms.

The Supply System is apparently in excellent shape. No one has any complaints and all think quite highly of Pete. Pete in turn is quite enthusiastic concerning cooperation received from WRAMA.

Operationally they appear to be able to maintain a very high flying schedule of four to five flights a week and the local pilots appear to be well trained. The present vehicle will shortly be in need of major overhaul. They actually need two vehicles here to maintain such flying schedules - particularly if operational activity is to increase. It is felt that two vehicles could be supported without additional contract manpower.

The Logistic planning for the transportation of GRC-100 was very poor. The vehicle landed at about 1500 local and all necessary tracker duplication was completed so that the entire film shipment could have left here seven hours later. There were, however, two restrictions placed on the shipment. One was that the duplicate Elint tapes must go with it. These take up to 20 hours to reproduce with any quality. The other restriction was that Mil-Air must be used as far as the ZI. Normal Mil Air in this area is just not very frequent. Even though all alternate paths were explored, the film did not leave the base until 66 hours after touchdown. My own recommendations would be that the B film be shipped immediately (within 2 hours of landing) by

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The [] was immaculate - it should have been since they took the last three days to clean it up. They claim our equipment is working very satisfactorily, but it is difficult to tell much because they started a new stock record system on the first of the year and there is no record of previous withdrawal of parts.

The EH6A machines are generally in good condition, although the refrigeration unit on one is out of action and the heater relays on another are stuck closed. These are normal troubles for these machines.

I reviewed several rolls of B material which I selected at random and the physical quality is remarkably high. The only defects I could detect were due to humidity in storage with the resultant pull off of emulsion. They much prefer to use 1-D-80 in the EH6A for several reasons. It is easy to obtain and mix, it allows a higher machine speed and it gives higher contrast. This last point is disconcerting. I asked the P.I. to show me examples of what he thought were "good" transparencies and he whipped out a set that were practically black on white. In fact, they think our photographic reproductions are "muddy", "lifeless", etc. We may have to increase contrast on the copies we provide these people, but I got them to agree to accept this mission as we would normally reproduce it.

Because they are forced to use the output of the tracker so extensively I think the least we can do is to provide them with the best possible printer. We could do this by taking one of the Model 4s from our shop (now surplus due to Concorde) and adding the light intensity changer which should be in the stockroom.

For the same reason they should have a good enlarger. It would be desirable to have one that could handle 9" film as well as 70mm. It might be possible to educate them to work from

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